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May 9th, 2004

## Seabees give local woman special homecoming

Story and photo by Bart  
Jackson

Navy Charleston Shoreline  
While stationed in Sasebo,

Japan aboard USS Patriot  
(MCM7), Chief Storekeeper  
Ron Schlecht got the call that  
everyone hates: to come home

for emergency leave. Although  
not critical, Schlecht wanted to  
be home with his mother who  
was to undergo radical neck and  
back surgery.

Although the surgery went  
well, it would require his moth-  
er be confined to a wheelchair  
when she returned to her home  
in Goose Creek, S.C.

Wondering to himself what to  
do on such short notice, he  
found himself in need of a  
wheelchair ramp. Being Seabee  
Combat Warfare qualified, he  
contacted Naval Weapons  
Station Charleston and was  
pleased to find that Seabees  
were indeed on Station.

Weapons Station Command  
Master Chief (SS) Tim Domrose  
determined this would  
be a good community  
service project, and  
authorized Equipment

Operator First Class Dave  
Martin and his team to pitch in.  
"We were glad we were able to  
help a fellow Seabee in a time of  
need," said Martin. "It was good  
builder work, and the cross-  
training is always helpful."

The team installed a wheel-  
chair ramp in just two short vis-  
its.

Wesley Schlecht, Schlecht's  
father, a retired 20-year Navy  
man himself, was elated with  
the results. "I couldn't have  
asked for anything better. I  
could never have done this on  
my own," said Schlecht. He was  
so pleased he planned a ribbon  
cutting upon his wife's return.  
"She'll be so surprised," he  
said.

"It's always good to give  
back a little to others who have  
served," said Martin "We're just  
glad we were able to help."



From left, BU2 Trevor Griffin, BU1 Eric Elliot and EO1 Dave Martin  
cut railings for a wheelchair ramp during a recent community  
relations project. Not pictured are CE2 Robert Chilton and UT2  
Bryan Miller, who were also part of the constuction team.

## Navy Consolidated Brig makes a link to the past

By Bart Jackson  
Navy Charleston Shoreline

The Naval Consolidated Brig (NAVCON-  
BRIG) and Naval Weapons Station Charleston are  
linked with the Hunley sailors in perpetuity.

Charleston is not only the final resting place  
for the crew of the CSS Hunley, but the Naval  
Consolidated Brig Charleston on Naval Weapons  
Station (NWS) Charleston, will forever be linked  
with the crew. The metal and carpentry shops at  
the Brig proudly manufactured the copper vaults  
that housed the remains of the eight crewmembers  
for burial at Magnolia Cemetery April 17.

NAVCONBRIG Charleston has a long-stand-  
ing relationship with The Warren Lasch  
Laboratory that houses the Hunley excavation  
process, so it was only natural that they called  
upon Robert Vogt and the services of the indus-  
trial shops of NAVCONBRIG Charleston when the  
project was proposed.

"We've been called upon for signs, award  
plaques, cabinetry, even nametags for Citadel stu-  
dents," said Vogt, "but this request was rather  
unique. We work with prisoners here teaching

them life skills that make them better contributors  
to society upon their release," said Vogt.

The Hunley Commission wanted copper vaults  
to lock and secure the remains of the Hunley  
Sailors inside the wooden caskets to preclude  
potential theft and security concerns. "It was an  
honor and a privilege for me," said Vogt, a born  
and raised Charlestonian. "It's a once-in-a-life-  
time privilege to be associated with these fine  
Sailors."

Vogt said the shop has done several previous  
projects for The Hunley Commission, the most  
notable prior to the burial vaults was the cabinet  
that now houses Lt. Dixon's famous \$20 gold  
piece at the Warren Lasch Laboratory.

In addition, the Industries Division is respon-  
sible for numerous items seen around the  
Weapons Station including base signs, plaques,  
awards, and special furniture.

So, next time you see something about the  
Hunley burial or see video of the funeral, remem-  
ber that a co-worker from Charleston played an  
integral part in this important chapter in naval  
maritime history.



photo by Harry Pecorelli III

Robert Vogt displays the hand crafted bur-  
ial vaults for the CSS Hunley crew burial  
ceremony in the Warren Lasch Laboratory.  
For more information, visit [www.hunley.org](http://www.hunley.org).



## Naval Weapons Station Charleston



### Mission

*To provide ordnance and waterfront management, quality of service and logistic support in a secure multi-service environment.*

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# Chaplain's Corner

By CDR (Sel) David A. Mudd, CHC, USNR  
Command Chaplain

Today, the Chapel bids Chaplain Roy Bebee farewell. After more than 30 years of dedicated service to God and country, Captain Bebee was piped ashore, concluding a remarkable career serving both in peace and in war. Rear Admiral Louis V. Iasiello, Chief of Chaplains, wrote in a letter to Bebee, "You touched the lives of countless sea services men and women and their families. You provided for the spiritual care and shared in the joys and hardships. You exemplify devotion, diligence, dedication and determination, all hallmark characteristics of our Corps' legacy." Chaplain Iasiello added a personal written by hand, "My sincere thanks for all you have done for the Corps - You are the icon of the Chaplaincy. You are a living legend!" Chaplain Bebee's wife, Barbara, was also presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Chief of Chaplains for unfailing support, unselfish and faithful service. As Chaplain Bebee departs we honor his service at Naval Weapons Station and will miss his wisdom and pastoral care to all. Our best wishes and prayers go with him and his family.

On the same day we also bid a fond farewell to an outstanding Petty Officer, RP1 Melanise Bradley, who completed a three-year tour at Naval Weapons Station. RP1 Bradley was selected as the Sailor of the Year and was honored with an end-of-tour Navy

Achievement Medal and the Outstanding Volunteer Medal. She is well known and will be greatly missed by everyone at the Weapons Station and from the Protestant and Catholic Chapel communities. We appreciate all she did for so many and were blessed by her friendly and helpful service.

You may wonder who will replace these two departees. The answer is simply they are irreplaceable, according to the Navy. Well, at least for now they have no relief. So Chaplain Johnson and I will provide Chaplain support and RPC Roberts, RP2 Weimann and RP3 Marshall will provide program support to the very best of our ability. For the most part, there will be little or no changes. One word to the wise, planning for Chaplain support and/or facilities use will demand timely planning and cooperation with Chapel staff. We do stand watch for all emergencies 24/7 as the need arises. This includes counseling, hospital visits and critical incidents, such as the recent deaths and injuries from the USS Pinckney to name a few.

We all look forward to many challenges and want to assist you in being ready for any and all missions that the Navy tasks you with. Mission first, Sailors always is a great motivator. We seek the grace and mercy of the One who has created and redeemed us and who provides for all we need to render Him worthy service all the days of our lives. May you find many blessings from the Lord in this spring season.

## National speaker delivers message to Station

Story and photo by JO2 Christal A. Bailey  
Navy Charleston Shoreline

Inspiration can be found in many forms, and Naval Weapons Station Charleston had the opportunity to find just that April 26 when national speaker Dave Roever visited the Station's Redbank Club to deliver his story of triumph over tragedy.

Roever was introduced to the audience by Chaplain Roy Bebee. "When I first saw this man, I thought what an interesting guy," said Bebee. "Twenty-six years later, here he is, and I get to meet him face to face."

After offering a few anecdotes about his grandchildren and how they love him regardless of his appearance, Roever went on to thank the military audience. "I want to tell the military how much I appreciate what they do," he said. "I admire your work and thank you for it."

Through his humorous style, Roever's message to the Station was clear. "Life is not fair," the speaker said. "How are you going to deal with it?"

"Life isn't something we have to give up on," he commented. "We are the ultimate responsibility for our life."

Not only does Roever speak on the importance of taking responsibility in life, he lives it. Fifty-seven-year-old Roever suffered multiple wounds after a phosphorous grenade exploded his hand in Vietnam July, 26 1969. First thought dead, the accident left Roever severely burned and disfigured.

Roever said immediately after the acci-



**Dave Roever, right, accepts a plaque from Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Executive Officer, LCDR Wesley Smith after he spoke at the Station's National Prayer Luncheon.**

dent, he suffered from depression and was very self-conscious. He fought thoughts of suicide and decided to spread a positive message to others. "I want to turn something negative into something positive," he said.

Roever became inspired to talk to troops after Sept. 11. "I wanted to be a part of this war. I saw my 'ministry' as a way to contribute to the war," said Roever.

"I do this because when I was in Vietnam, not one person came to visit and

thank me," he said.

During his presentation, Roever gave an account of a recent visit to Baghdad where he met with injured troops. "People ask me why I put myself in danger to visit these brave soldiers," he said. His reply is simple, "I tell them it's my way to thank them for their sacrifice for this country."

Roever also paid a visit to Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Eleven and the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command to speak to Sailors.

# Around the Station



photo by JO2 Christal A. Bailey  
Left, Troy McLaughlin helps his daughter Riley in a sack race during the Child Development Center's Field Day April 20. The Field Day was held in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Riley is in one of the CDC's two-year-old classes. Above, CS3 Floyd Patterson and EO1 Dave Martin were awarded Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Junior and Senior Sailor of the Quarter, respectively. Patterson is part of the Rainbow Row Galley staff, and Martin is assigned to the Station's Seabee Self-help unit. The two were recognized in a ceremony April 27.



photo by ET3 Jeanna Gibson

Cynthia Wilson, left, and Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Commanding Officer secretary, Becky Redmon pose for a picture in the Station's executive offices recently. Formerly employed at the Charleston Naval Shipyard, Wilson has decided to retire after 35 years of service as a federal civilian. She came to work at Naval Weapons Station Charleston in August 1995 as the Executive Officer's secretary. She said she plans to enjoy the summer then come back to work for a government agency as a contractor in the fall. Them Bldg. 84 team wished Wilson fair winds and following seas during a drop in April 29.

## Hospital places in competition

**Linda Washington**  
**Naval Hospital Charleston**

In recognition of National Nutrition Month, the Navy Environmental Health Center sponsors a four-week challenge called "Crews Into Shape" that brings individuals together in a team approach to wellness.

The four week challenge requires that four to 10 members exercise five times a week for 30 minutes, maintain or achieve a goal weight, eat a combination of five or more fruits and vegetables a day, and drink water that equals half of your body weight in ounces.

There were 109 teams in the Navy that took on the challenge for wellness and for the second year in a row, Naval Hospital Charleston placed in the top four teams in the entire Navy. Team leader, Cathy Kilpatrick, proudly led the second place winning team, "The 'X' Women &

Bernie," to victory. Team members that pushed them over the top were Susan Sanders, Edwina Green, Lucette Powe, Zina Moore, Dell Alston, Bernie Smalls and Brenda Perdue.

The team "Sugar Free" from Naval Hospital Charleston also won fourth place in the Navy and second place in the hospital. IC2 Jose Andaluz led the team. Team members are HM1 Yolanda Barris, HM2 Scott Ochs, HM2 Malcolm Warner, HM2 Kearston Austin, HM2 Tara Strickland, HM3 William Peterson, HN Robert Bobo, and Dorothy Ladson. Third place winner for the hospital was "Fit and Pretty" led by LCDR Yvette Smith-Simon and the "A-Team," led by HM2 Michael Cobbs, took fourth place.

The other 18 teams included 168 participants, which is 100 more participants than last year.



Naval Hospital Charleston's "X Women and Bernie" placed second in the "Crews into Shape" competition.



photo by Bart Jackson

## Way to go Weapons Station!

Left, CSC (SW) Bryon French, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive coordinator and Capt. Robert M. Zalaskus, Commander, Naval Weapons Station Charleston, present Joy Wilson, director of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society a check totaling \$150,855.24. This year's fund drive garnered 50% more than last year's donations. For more information on the Society call 764-7662.



# College can cost as little as the books with tuition assistance

Story and photo by ET3 Jeanna Gibson  
Navy Charleston Shoreline

*Editor's note: This article is the first of a two part series focusing on tuition assistance.*

Everyone knows a college education is not cheap. In fact, many people start saving for their children's college education as soon as they can because they know it is going to be expensive. But what happens when children grown up and have to pay for it all on their own?

The military offers a tuition assistance (TA) program that greatly decreases the costs of college and makes it feasible to further education.

Since 2000, the military has offered the tuition assistance program to cover 100% of tuition costs. There are guidelines to follow when it comes to where

and how the money can be used, but it is an incomparable way to cut down on the costs of further education.

"In the last year, the Charleston Navy College Office has processed tuition assistance applications for over 1,300 members from North and South Carolina for over \$800,000 in tuition and fees at over 100 different schools," said Ed Croft, Director of the Charleston Navy College Office. According to Croft, many times, all recipients have to pay for is the application fee and books.

Applicants must keep in mind that tuition assistance can be used for a wide variety of classes, everything from classes needed to obtain a master's degree to auto mechanics or carpentry classes. "Whether you want a high

school diploma or just take a few classes here and there to further your education, we can help you decide where to go and how to pay for it," said Croft. "We currently have 800 new class enrollments since October 2003 and would like to see that number continue to grow."

Tuition assistance is very easy to obtain and use. The first step is to determine if eligible, and visit the Navy College Office to determine the specifics of classes.

"We have listings for a variety of schools that accept military tuition assistance, all you have to do is call and ask to see if we have something for you. Many times, a phone call is all it takes to find out, no appointment necessary," says Croft.

Next, applicants simply fill out the tuition assistance application, have it signed by their command, and return it to the Navy College Office. This must be done prior to the registration deadline for the school that is to be attended. Once this is done, you will receive a Navy TA authorization voucher and can then enroll in the classes you wish to take.

When finished, recipients start classes and must do well, as the TA program has requirements that must be maintained in order to keep the benefits of the tuition assistance. When the class is over, recipients must ensure grades are reported to the Navy College Office.

As the costs of college increase year after year, the military has found a way to help its members curb the costs and make it financially manageable to continue higher education. For more information on this opportunity, contact the Navy College Office at 764-4493 or search the web for "Navy Tuition Assistance."



RP3 Adrienne Marshall takes time to study for her college classes. Thanks to tuition assistance, in 18 months Marshall has been able to take nine classes in pursuit of a bachelor's degree.

## Briefly Speaking

### 2004 Armed Forces Dinner

Deputy Defense Secretary Dr. Paul D. Wolfowitz is the keynote speaker for the 2004 Armed Forces Dinner May 12 sponsored by the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce. Members of the Military Relations Committee who are military, public affairs personnel or paid members of the committee may attend the dinner at a reduced rate of \$35. Non-military rate is \$75. Corporate tables are available for \$850, and includes eight corporate seats and two seats for area military.

Reception begins at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 577-2510, ext. 2095. For more information, contact Caitlin Ruthven at 805-3042.

### Commissary case lot sale

May is Commissary Awareness Month. The highlight of the month for many customers will be the expansion of the DeCA worldwide case lot sale to May. Shoppers should check [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) to find out the dates of their commissary's case lot sale.



### How do you feel tuition assistance benefit military members?



"It is extremely helpful. I would not have been able to go to college without it. I just finished my bachelor's degree."

-MMCS Anthony Maestas  
NNPTC

"Overall I believe it is good, but it only allows for 12 hours per fiscal year. It would be better if it were 75% tuition assistance allowing an unlimited number of hours."

-HM3 Diana Meade  
Branch Medical Clinic

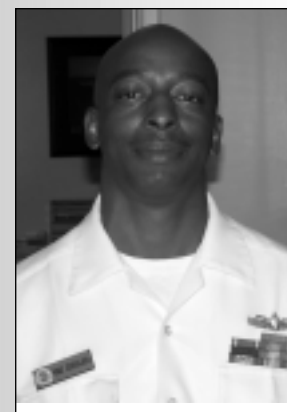


"It helps Sailors fund education they would otherwise be paying for on their own. It enables them to continue education."

-LTJG Dallon Lott  
NNPTC

"It is very good because it enables people to get an education who cannot afford it on their military salary."

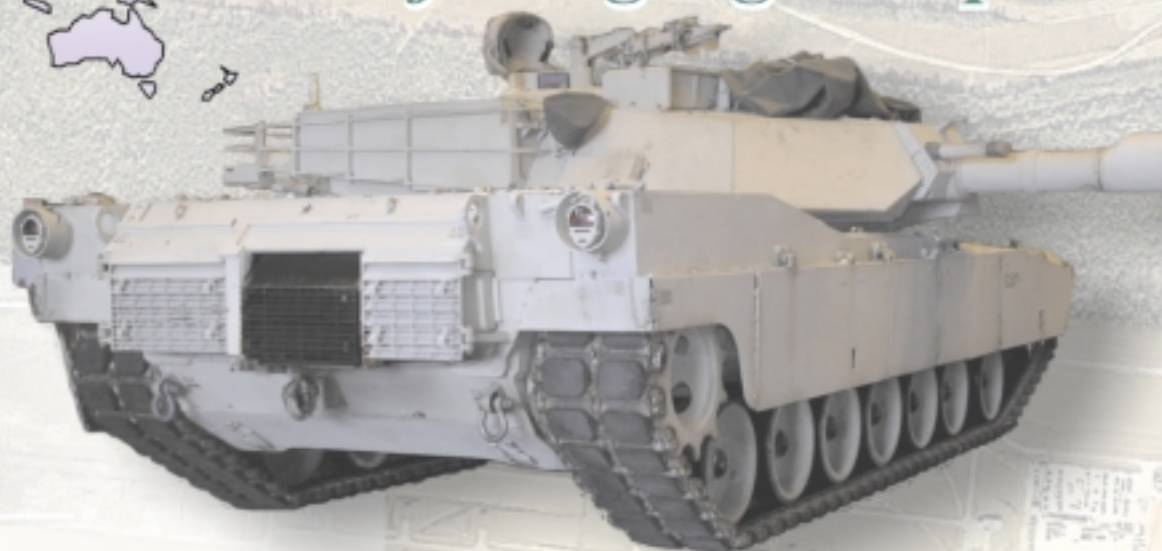
-YN2 James Ziegler  
BEQ





# AMC Combat Equipment

*"Projecting logistics power"*



## CEG-A supports pre-positioning fleet

By JO2 Christal A. Bailey  
Navy Charleston Shoreline

U.S. Army Combat Equipment Group-Afloat (CEG-A) is one of about 50 tenant commands onboard Naval Weapons Station Charleston. Not only does the command work to support the Station's mission, but also CEG-A supports a greater cause, Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

CEG-A, which is a government-owned, contractor-operated logistic facility, held its official activation ceremony Oct. 12, 1995, adding to the historical presence of the military in Charleston.

The mission of the command is to maintain, repair and service Army pre-positioned stocks afloat, such as combat equipment, stocks, tanks, trucks and HUMVEEs. Equipment and stocks are placed on Navy-owned pre-positioned cargo ships. The ships, Large Medium Speed Roll On/Roll Off ships (LMSRs), then go out to sea for 30 months and return to CEG-A, where equipment is downloaded for maintenance or repair and uploaded on the ships. If there is a contingency, equipment and stocks are downloaded and handed off to warfighter units in the theater.

According to Barb Siegfried, CEG-A public affairs officer, in support of OIF, CEG-A downloaded six LMSRs, two sustainment ships and one partial ammunition ship. In addition to this, they

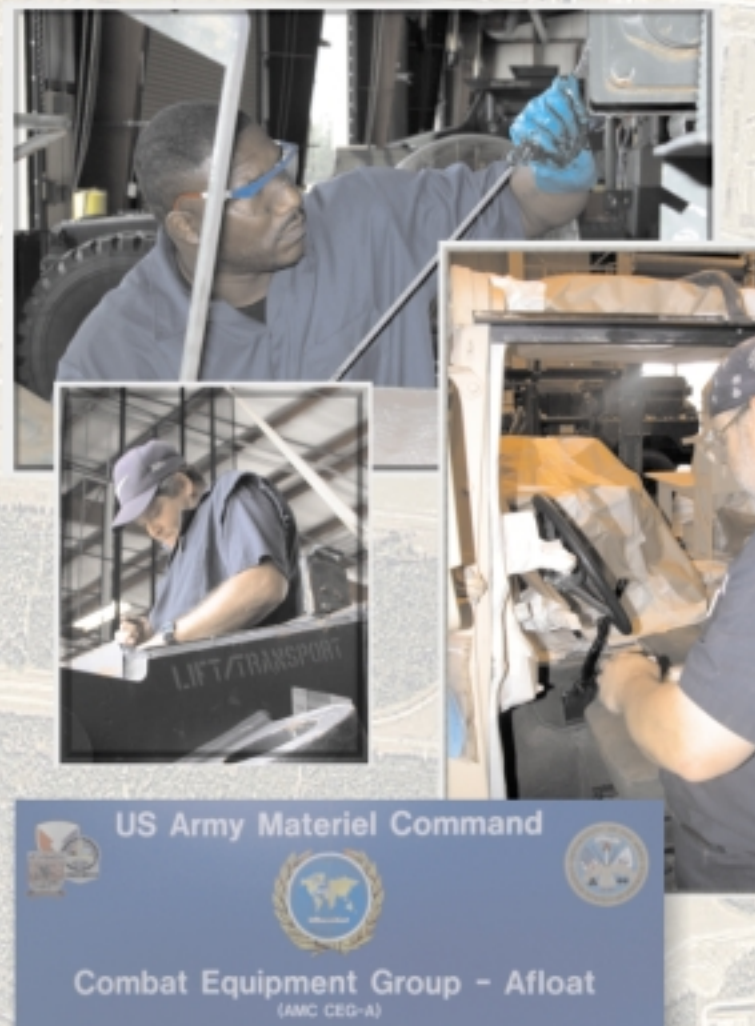
inspected and handed off the equipment to units deployed in support of OIF.

The command currently employs an authorized strength of 12 military, 62 civilians and 448 contractors. Louis Brown, heavy wheel maintenance shop supervisor, said work at CEG-A never stops. "We are constantly servicing equipment," he said. "Work is an ongoing event here, but it's very rewarding, so we enjoy it."

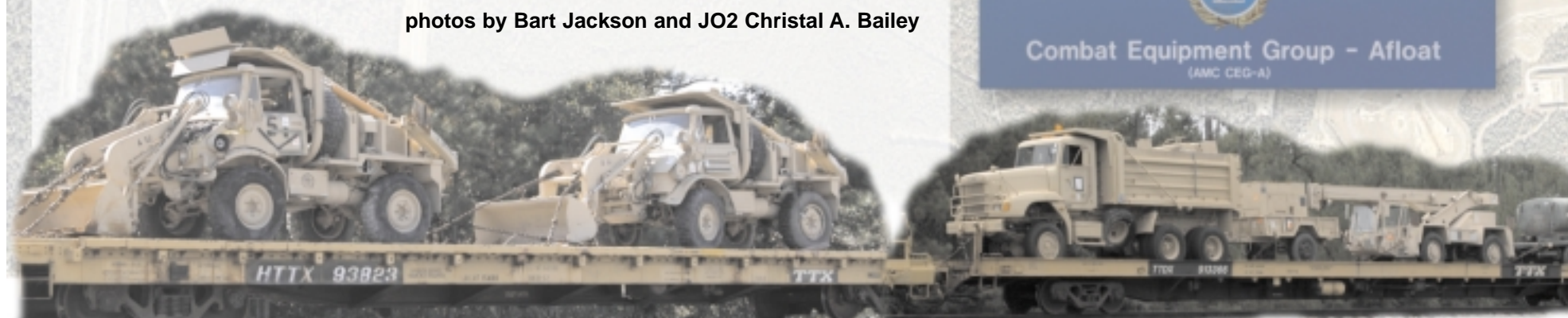
Combat equipment isn't the only thing CEG-A provides to troops around the globe. The command also provides medical supplies to units overseas. "We get the supplies ready ahead of scheduled ship cycles," said Crystal Wester, inventory manager specialist. The supplies are sent with equipment and wait on shore for unit pick up. CEG-A also touts a medical refurbishment facility. Medical equipment, from respirators to defibrillators, is sent to the facility from Iraq for repair.

During CEG-A's support to OIF, approximately 8,580 pieces of rolling stock, 5,833 containers and 1,173 ammunition containers were downloaded.

Another example of the command's assistance in OIF is the USNS Watson that was uploaded in August 2003. The ship contained 510 wheeled vehicles, 319 track vehicles, 328 trailers, 266 containers and 900 short tons of ammunition bound for the war theater.



photos by Bart Jackson and JO2 Christal A. Bailey





# Group - Afloat (CEG-A)

*support of any contingency"*







### Information & Referral (I&R)

Did you know? The school year is coming to a close. It is moving time again. Do you need information about your new area? Do you know there are college scholarships for military children? For answers to your questions, call our I & R personnel at 764-7294, ext. 10 or 25.

### Counseling Services

Need to talk to someone in confidence? Are you feeling stressed or angry? Just call and make an appointment for our free counseling!

We have trained counselors to help you through this time. You can make an individual appointment or with your spouse. We visit some commands during the day to talk.

If you are an active duty or retiree, spouse of an active duty, retiree, widow, widower or POW family member survivor, you qualify for our free and confidential services. Call 764-7294 for an appointment.

### Command Family Ombudsman

Ombudsmen are information and referral people. A command family ombudsman is there to answer questions. Each command has an ombudsman.

If you have questions such as, special needs of family member, moving, childcare or about activities within your spouse's command, call your command ombudsman or Tommie Provost, 764-7294, ext. 48 to find the name of your ombudsman.

WORKSHOP	DATE	TIME
Anger Management	May 11	1-4 p.m.
Advanced Resume		Monthly
Baby Basics	May 4	9 a.m.-Noon
Pre-separation Counseling		Monthly
Playmornings	Every Wed.	9-11:30 a.m.
Spouse Orientation	Every Tues.	10 a.m.
Stress Management	May 4	1-4 p.m.
Teen Jive	May 5	4-5:15 p.m.
Volunteer	Mon.-Fri	8 a.m.-4 p.m

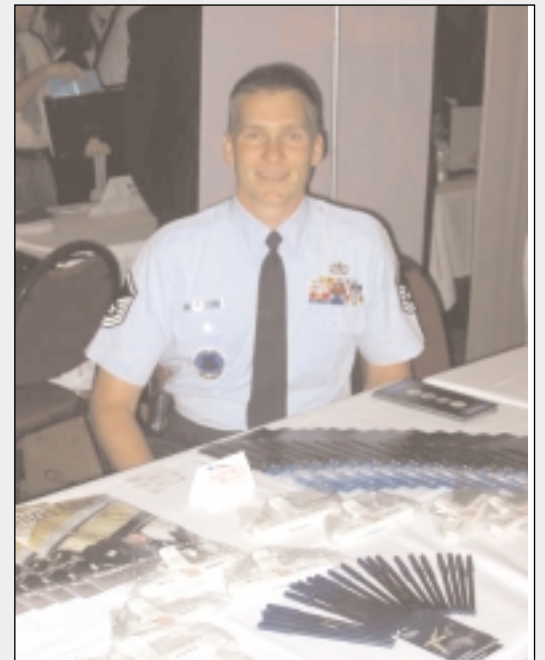
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Visit The Fleet and Family Support Center on the Web at  
[www.nwschs.navy.mil](http://www.nwschs.navy.mil)  
Meeting your needs.  
At home. At sea.



photos by ET3 Jeanna Gibson

The bi-annual Navy/Air Force Job Fair sponsored by the Fleet and Family Support Center was held at the Redbank Club April 23. Fifty-six businesses and 13 educational institutions offered opportunities to more than 500 attendees. Above, military members chat with one of the businesses represented at the fair. Right, the Air Force reserve recruiter displays promotional items. Both Navy and Air Force reserve recruiters were present. For more information on the next joint job fair, call 764-7294.

## Great turnout for 2004 Joint Job Fair



### MWR offers spouses great specials for Military Spouse Appreciation Day

On May 7, MWR will celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day by expressing gratitude to our military spouses for the significant role they play in assuring the well being of our communities, our service and our families.

Spouses help balance our lives between work and home. They unselfishly share their love and support with those we care about most and they remind us of the importance of reaching out to others in times of peace and war, crisis, transition, relocation, separation and deployment.

On May 7, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department will acknowledge military spouses for the important role they play. Our facilities have teamed up to offer special deals for all military spouses.

\* Military spouses will be able to open bowl for \$1 per game from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 764-7235.

\* During the day, military spouses are invited to stop by the Auto Skills Center for a free under the hood check to include: water, battery, transmission fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid, hoses and belts. Call 764-7752.

\* Military spouses will receive up to five free copies at the Library. Call 764-7900.

We want you to know how special you are! Stop by our facilities and take advantage of these specials during Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 7.

### LIBERTY Program

Unless otherwise indicated, Liberty trips and events are open to All Hands of WPNSTA Charleston and its tenant commands (active duty, civilian, and dependents, ages 18 and up). Sign up for these events at the NNPTC Activity Complex or the Liberty office (building 206, NNPTC Circle). The Liberty office is open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 764-7002 for more information or check us out on the MWR website at [www.mwr.nwschs.navy.mil](http://www.mwr.nwschs.navy.mil).

**Pool Tournament, May 4, 5:30 p.m.**

Stop by The Dive and compete for great prizes in our biweekly pool tournament. The only charge is the cost of the game. For additional information, call 764-7002.

### Skydiving, May 16, 7:30 a.m.

Experience the thrill of skydiving tandem (with instructor) or static (alone) with Liberty! The cost is \$49-\$135. Be sure to sign up early because these spots fill up fast. The deadline to sign up is May 12. Sign up in the Liberty office (Bldg. 206).

### Daytona Beach Trip, May 28-31, 5 p.m.

Take a Florida vacation with Liberty and enjoy three nights of oceanfront lodging, as well as transportation to the sunshine state. The cost is \$150 and the hotel includes a daily newspaper and continental breakfast. The deadline to sign up is May 14. Sign up in the Liberty office (Bldg. 206).

### Orientation slated for CDH providers

Orientation class to become a Navy Child Development Home (CDH) provider will be held Monday, May 10 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the CDH office at 66 Von Steuben Street. On base and off base childcare providers are needed. For information about the CDH application process, call 764-7347.

Save up to \$90 per week with Child Development Homes' subsidy program

### Tennis Camp & Summer Splash

Hey, kids...Learn how to play tennis! This summer, MWR is offering children (ages 6-15) a Tennis Camp & Summer Splash. The tennis camp is two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, June 7 through July 31. Receive expert tennis instruction from Shomari Jones, former instructor at Tuskegee University and Sasebo, Japan. The tennis lessons will be held at the tennis courts on Fletcher Street (across from Subway) from 9 a.m. until noon. Each day following the lessons, there will be a 1-hour free swim at New Wave Aquatic Center from noon to 1 p.m. There will be a free 1-hour tennis lesson Saturday, May 8 for ages 6-15. Pick your hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reserve your lesson, call Mark Mikhitarian at 764-7530.



## Bravo Zulu!

Congratulations to MN3 Valarie Wheeler and MASN Natalie Christianhill for earning Unit of the Quarter for Bachelor Housing. Keep up the good work!

### Pets can be a nuisance

A "nuisance pet" is defined as any action of a pet, which endangers life or health, gives offense to the senses, violates laws of decency, or obstructs reasonable or comfortable use of property.

Dogs and cats are not permitted to run loose or run at large. "At large" means when an animal is off the premises of the owner and not under the physical control, custody, charge, or possession of the owner or other responsible person by leash, cord, chain, or other means. Animals must be kept under direct physical control at all times, i.e., in a fenced yard or on a leash.

Any pet running at large may be taken by the Animal Control officials and transported to the appropriate Animal Control Shelter and confined until redeemed or disposed of. After impounding an animal, the Animal Control officials shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner.

If the owner can not be reached, pets will become the property of the Animal Control Shelter and will be adopted or destroyed.

Responsible pet owners make sure their animals are cared for and the rules and regulations of Housing are adhered to. Are you a responsible pet owner?

### Guidelines for swimming pools in housing

For many years, the size of plastic play swimming pools has been restricted to no more than 18 inches in depth and 12 feet in diameter.

As stated in the Family Housing Manual, larger pools have been prohibited.

Those residents who have purchased, or are considering purchasing larger swimming pools, are advised that there is a procedure in place by which the use of larger pools may be authorized.

Through the assistance of Naval Weapons Station Charleston's Legal Office, the Housing Welcome Center has available a "Release and Hold Harmless Agreement" form which MUST be completed by the requesting resident and approved by the Housing Director PRIOR to installation of larger swimming pools.

Larger swimming pools are defined as those that are greater than 18 inches in depth and 12 feet in diameter. By completing and signing the form, the requesting resident agrees to release and hold harmless the government of any and all suits, actions, claims, demands, or costs for damage to property, injury, including death, resulting from use of the swimming pool.

The release form also requires that the pool be installed in a fenced back yard, that it be closely monitored by an adult when in use, and not be left unattended. Filled pools must also be emptied daily or covered when not in use.

Residents who are using the smaller wading pools of less than 18 inches in depth and 12 feet in diameter are

not affected by the above requirements; however, these pools should still be emptied daily when not in use and monitored when in use.

These restrictions and requirements will, hopefully, ensure the safety and well being of our children while playing in swimming pools.

The cooperation of our residents is appreciated. Any questions should be directed to your Housing Management Assistant, or call 764-7218.

### Storing gasoline

The Consumer Product Safety Commission encourages us to observe the following safety practices when storing gasoline:

- \* Never store gasoline in the house or automobile. Keep storage cans outdoors and far away from living quarters and ignition sources (such as in a well-ventilated shed). Gasoline storage is especially ill-advised for apartment dwellers.

Never store gasoline in any containers except those manufactured from sturdy steel sheeting which cannot easily be punctured. Glass containers and plastic containers used for food and milk are especially hazardous, as are rusted metal cans.

- \* Since children frequently are the victims of gasoline explosions and poisonings, all storage cans should be kept secured and tightly sealed.

- \* Consumers should never refuel power equipment (chain saws, power mowers, etc.) when the engines are running or are still hot.

- \* If gasoline is spilled on clothing, consumers should change clothes immediately and then wash the clothing. Even when spilled gas appears to have vaporized and the clothing appears to be dry, the affected clothing may still contain enough gasoline to present a serious fire hazard.

### Poisonous snakes

With the arrival of spring and warm temperatures, everyone should be aware that snakes will be coming out of winter hibernation. It is especially important that our children be cautioned against venturing in or near wooded areas or ponds. Four poisonous snakes that are commonly found in the South are:

**Copperhead:** Most are pinkish or reddish brown, with darker cross bands like dumbbells or the hourglass. The copperhead has a triangular head and is rarely longer than three feet.

**Water Moccasin:** The water moccasin is usually a dingy brown, covered with blotches, but other colors do occur. It's been said that the water moccasin cannot bite while underwater. This is not true. They can. This is one reason why there is danger of coming in contact with this type snake during periods of flooding. The water moccasin reaches a length of six feet.

**Rattlesnake:** The rattlesnake is easily identified by its rattles, but sometimes they are found without them. They have many shades of color, but the most common is a deep brown or almost black and those with a diamond back are bluish in color. The rattlesnake causes the most deaths from its bite and averages in size from 18 inches to 8 feet in length and weights up to 15 pounds. It is the largest of poisonous snakes.

**Coral Snake:** The coral snake is red on yellow with the yellow rings touching the red rings. One way to identify this snake is by its black nose. There are other snakes with the

same color markings, but the others have red noses. The coral is a small snake, only 2 or 3 feet long. To protect yourself against the coral, wear shoes and gloves. It must find a tender spot on which to bite. The bite paralyzes the nerve center.

All poisonous snakes have fangs in the upper jaws. Rattlesnakes, copperheads and water moccasins, commonly called pit vipers, have hollow fangs through which the venom is injected into the wound. The coral snakes have grooved fangs. The venom runs down the grooves into the wound. The wound of the pit viper has the appearance of two small punctures made by a hypodermic needle. The wound of the coral snake has the appearance of a half circle of tiny holes.

Snakes will not attack if given a chance to escape. For this reason, the snake should be given every chance to get out of the way even though it may seem to be of a harmless variety.

Many snakes cannot stand the heat of the day and prowl during the night; therefore, a flashlight or lantern should be carried when they are likely to be encountered.

Snakes are more dangerous during the spring and summer. They have been hibernating during the winter and in the spring start out in search of food. They are more likely to attack because of hunger during this time period.

Care should be taken when climbing rock piles, walking over logs and under low-lying limbs.

Signs of snakebites:

- \* Bleeding at the bite (which may be very slight)
- \* A burning pain
- \* Rapid swelling
- \* Nausea and vomiting
- \* Rapid pulse
- \* Low blood pressure
- \* Discoloration starting at the wound and spreading

If bitten:

- \* Kill the snake if possible. Its body should accompany the victim to the doctor.

- \* Wrap cracked ice, if available, and apply it to the wound. Do not allow ice to come in contact with the flesh.

- \* If you are alone, walk slowly toward help. If someone is with you, have them carry you to a vehicle and proceed to the nearest medical facility or doctor as soon as possible.

- \* Stay calm! Make no unnecessary movement.

### Housing Birth Announcements

Congratulations to MM3 Kristopher Lewis and his wife, Alison, on the birth of their son, Braeden Eliot Lewis, born March 22. Braeden weighed 10 pounds, one ounce, and was 22-and-a-half inches long. Braeden has an older sister named Olivia.

If you would like your baby's birth announced in the *Shoreline*, call the Housing Welcome Center at 764-7218/7219.

